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*Irrigational possibilities of Vaipar river in Sattur taluk.*

332 Q.—Mr. R. APPASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the irrigational possibilities of the Vaipar river in Sattur taluk, Ramnad district, have been investigated ; if there was no such investigation, whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report of the same from the authorities concerned ?

A.—Yes ; the only scheme possible is a reservoir in the Watrap Hills at the source of the Arjunanadhi, a tributary of the Vaipar. The supply available in the river is being gauged.

*Students belonging to the Kallar community.*

333 Q.—Rao Bahadur V. APPASWAMI VANDAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether students belonging to the Kallar community are included in the category of backward classes ?

A.—Yes.

*Negapatam District Court.*

334 Q.—Rao Bahadur V. APPASWAMI VANDAYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the District Court at Negapatam will be made permanent ?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

*Letting of water in the rivers of the Tanjore district.*

335 Q.—Rao Bahadur V. APPASWAMI VANDAYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when water was let into the rivers in the deltaic parts of the Tanjore district in the year 1922 ?

A.—During the months of March, April, May and June 1922 the shutters of the Cauvery and Vennar regulators were not completely closed, but whatever supply was available was sent down both the rivers. The first useful supply for irrigation purposes passed automatically into the Cauvery and Vennar on the 1st July 1922.

*Repairs to the Grand Anicut.*

336 Q.—Rao Bahadur V. APPASWAMI VANDAYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the amount of estimate for the repairs to the Grand Anicut and how much was spent in 1921–22 ?

A.—An estimate, amounting to Rs. 19,300, for special repairs to the Grand Anicut was sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer and an expenditure of Rs. 17,418 was incurred against this estimate during 1921–22. Besides this, an estimate of Rs. 1,43,800 for improvements to the anicut has been sanctioned by the Government in July last. Against this latter estimate, an expenditure of Rs. 1,665 was incurred during 1921–22.

*Strengthening of the bunds in the rivers of the Tanjore district.*

337 Q.—Rao Bahadur V. APPASWAMI VANDAYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the total expenditure in 1921–22 and up to date in 1922–23 for the purpose of strengthening the existing bunds of the several rivers in the Tanjore district ?

A.—The Government have no information.